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In re application of: **D. Merkel, et al.**

Examiner: **N. Nguyen**

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For: **METHODS OF PURIFYING HYDROGEN FLUORIDE**

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

Dear Sir:

This Reply and attached Declaration under Rule 1.132 are being filed in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 9, 2006, having a one-month extended period for reply set to expire on January 9, 2006. Furthermore, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required, any deficiencies that may arise, and to credit any overpayment which may be owed to Applicant in connection with this Reply to Deposit Account No. 19-5425.

The claims of the application have not been amended. However, for the Office's convenience, the pending claims are provided beginning on page 2 of this correspondence. Applicant's remarks begin on page 7.